



(U) The Crypto-Linguistic Association

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(U) If you are a linguist, the Crypto-Linguistic Association (CLA) may be for you! Created by NSA's Hall of Honor recipient Dr. Sydney Jaffe in 1965, it is the only NSA-based learned organization that supports the continuing development and advancement of Agency language analysts. Its goal is to highlight the importance of cryptologic language work, to familiarize non-language professionals and managers with the language world, and to enable sharing and exchange among language analysts. CLA members engage in many language-related activities, including:

- a speaker series,
- an annual banquet with a nationally recognized speaker,
- an ever-growing foreign film and books on tape lending library,
- an annual book swap, and
- a foreign language film festivals.

(U) The CLA has a strong partnership with the NSA/CSS Foreign [Language Analysis Skill Community](#) to involve as many language analysts in as many relevant activities as possible.

((U//FOUO) This has been a big year for the CLA as we help celebrate 2005 as the national **Year of Languages**. We are co-sponsoring many activities with the Office of the Senior Language Authority, including a number of guest speakers and participation in Language Festivals at the Cryptologic Centers (NSA/CSS Georgia, Texas and Hawaii). The CLA annual film festival activities were expanded to include an "Underground Film Festival" held in the R&E Building and a Mini-Film Fest at FANX2. The CLA annual book swap in March 2005 also was expanded to include a Networking Fair.

(U//FOUO) NSA employs some of the nation's finest linguists, and CLA honors them with four annual **awards**, two for long-term career and two for mid-term career achievements; one of each is military and one civilian. These are the prestigious Sydney Jaffe Award for civilians; the CAPT Joseph Rochefort Award for military personnel; the Norman Wild Mid-Career Award for civilians and Colonel Alva B. Lasswell Mid-Career Award for the military. All of these awards honor language professionals whose outstanding mission accomplishments reflect the tradition of leadership, ingenuity, and scholarship exemplified by their namesakes. You can see the names of the recipients on plaques on the wall near the OPS2B entrance. (See [this year's award winners](#).)

(U) We enthusiastically welcome language analysts and others who would like to **join the CLA**. This is a chance to enhance your language skills while networking with your skill community peers. Last but not least, it's fun! Please subscribe to [ess1362](#) or "go cla" and contact one of our board of directors for further information -- we'd be happy to hear from you!



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